

Philadelphia March 25th 1813 -

I am very happy My Dear Maria so soon to gratify you with the intelligence you desired - the return of health to our invalids, and I assure you the pleasure I receive from the information of your dear family being all well again deserves such a return for we had begun to be very impatient of your silence and kept a look out every morning until the latest post home. I hope you will keep your good looks, and your good health to greet your husband's return, and reward him for his turmoil and exile. It grieves me that any thing has occurred to widen the distance between him & V. you & E. must act with your usual discretion and single-heartedness on that subject, avoid as much as possible to enter into it on either side, and by your moderation prevent any ill effects Mrs. H.'s resentment may have on V. Eliza so perfectly understands your husband's disposition that she will know how to conciliate, and I hope My Dear friend you will both be able to combat every difficulty, and preserve that harmony which is so essential to the happiness of each. Eliza must cheer up her spirits, and show every confidence in the fraternal affection, she had to value so highly, which she may have opportunities of doing without abating from the dignity of a most dutiful wife, and when these humbling political mutations are passed away, every previous vexation must be buried with them. There are many kinds of trials in this troubled life, but an unimpaired spirit may overcome them all, and you My Beloved have borne those already appointed, so bravely that I doubt not of your constancy

in this - we are emerging too into a new domestic trial which I
suppose you requires some fortitude and a great deal more patriotism
than the present war inspires to sustain. Is & Jacob are both attached
to military corps that are under orders to be ready at a moment to
march. and tho' I do not believe they will be exposed to the fire of
the enemy. they will perhaps soon have to undergo the severity of
a campaign some where on the shores of the Delaware between the city
and Capes. Jack is a new Volunteer company formed by the members
of the Washington Association who have offered themselves to the U S
to protect the harbors of Delaware river and may have to resist
marauders on the grating fields &c. Is is a member of the first City
Troop. they were yesterday reviewed in marching order and some commotion
was raised in the breasts of wives, parents & sisters on the occasion -

Our Norfolk friends have retreated from the city. John Rogers
wrote to Mr. Moore a few days ago. mentioning that the females of their
family were the last who left Norfolk. they have for the present only gone
a few miles off and keep up a constant communication with them.
they are quite heroines and prefer being near to the scene which involves
the destiny of parent & Brothers than seek personal safety at a distance.
I received a letter from Adeline dated 15th which describes the terrible
-ous scene exhibited at it - with great pathos and many wise
& moral reflections. she has promised frequent communications, but
suppose the bustle of moving & anxiety has prevented her writing
again -

Is it possible Maria Moore like many a foreigner of so little rank
after all her conquests?



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